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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN AFRICA

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1. FSO-5 CHARLES R. STEN IS SCHEDULED TO REPRESENT LUSAKA
AT CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI SEPT. 27-30.

2. STEN'S REPLACEMENT, LOUIS MCCALL, IS A FIRST TOUR JUNIOR
OFFICER WHO WILL BE RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN LAGOS BEFORE
TRANSFER TO LUSAKA IN OCTOBER 1976 TO HEAD HIS OWN CONSULAR
SECTION. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS MCCALL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND
CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN SEPT. 2-24 SO THAT HE MIGHT GAIN
AS MUCH BACKGROUND AS POSSIBLE TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR A CHALLENGING
FIRST ASSIGNMENT. WITH THE APPROVAL OF AF/EX, EMBASSY IS WILLING
TO PAY COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM FOR MCCALL.

3. CONSULAR PROBLEMS OF INTEREST:

(A) MANY IV APPLICANTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LABOR
CERTIFICATION AS INVESTORS UNDERSTANDABLY SEEK TO MINIMIZE
THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND THEREFORE THEY OFTEN MAKE
THEIR INVESTMENT IN THE FORM OF A LOAN OR PORTFOLIO WITHOUT
ANY INTENT TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE ENTERPRISE. HOW
MUCH PARTICIPATION MUST BE INTENDED AND HOW SHOULD THIS BE
SHOWN?

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(B) WHEN AND HOW WILL THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN REQUIRE-

MENTS FOR INVESTOR STATUS BE IMPLEMENTED? ANTICIPATION
OF STRICTER REQUIREMENTS HAS BROUGHT IN AN UNUSUALLY
LARGE NUMBER OF NEW CASES.

(C) UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD SECOND PASSPORTS
BE ISSUED TO FACILITATE TRAVEL TO MINORITY RULED COUNTRIES
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA? IS A SECOND PASSPORT EVER REALLY
NECESSARY?

(D) TO WHAT EXTENT ARE WE OBLIGATED TO OFFER CONSULAR
PROTECTION TO NON-CITIZENS WHO ARE CLOSELY TIED TO
U.S. THROUGH RELATIVES?

(E) BECAUSE ONE-MAN CONSULAR SECTIONS IN AFRICA ARE USUALLY
CLASSIFIED JUNIOR OFFICER POSITIONS, THEY MUST BE FILLED
WITH OFFICERS AT THE FSO6-8 LEVEL WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO UPGRADE THESE
POSITIONS IN LINE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED?

(F) FROM TIME TO TIME THE EMBASSY IS APPROACHED BY INDIVIDUALS
FROM MINORITY RULED COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHO HAVE
FALLEN OUT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LIBERATION GROUPS OR
OTHERWISE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY REMAINING IN ZAMBIA YET
CAN NOT RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY. WHAT SHOULD BE OUR
APPROACH WHEN THEY COME TO THE EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE? WHEN
CAN POLITICAL ASSYLUM BE CONSIDERED?
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